

VALE ARBITRATION!

The Treaty with England Defeated in the Senate.

REQUIRED TWO-THIRDS VOTE

To Confirm It are Not Mustered by Its Friends.

MILLS, OF TEXAS, IN OPPOSING.

Notes the Point that it Contained a Loophole for England to Work Her Territorial Grab Game in this Hemisphere--Senator Davis Thinks the Defeat of the Peace Treaty was Due to Disagreement with England's Attitude in the Greek-Turkish Trouble--Washington News.

WASHINGTON, May 5.--The senate today by the vote of 43 to 38 refused to ratify the general arbitration between the United States and Great Britain negotiated by Secretary Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefote. The rules of the senate require a majority of two-thirds for the ratification of treaties. Hence four more affirmative votes would have been required to secure a favorable result.

The vote was preceded by a short debate, introduced by Senator Mills, of Texas, who made a strong appeal to the senate against ratifying the agreement. He asserted that as amended the document was most objectionable, not to say contradictory in terms. He pointed out especially the provisions for the settlement of controversies in regard to territorial claims and asserted that whereas the amendment adopted by the senate to the first article of the treaty declared against their inclusion, the sixth and eighth articles made provision for them. He held that as long as these articles remain unchanged England justly could claim that question of territorial rights were still to be taken to-day he would insist upon it at the specified time. He made a very pungent speech in opposition. Mr. Carter advised them to let well enough alone.

Other Objections. Senator Carter, who from the first has been one of the most active and effective opponents of the treaty, interposed objection. He said would put no obstacle in the way of the postponement of the vote until another day, but if the vote were taken to-day he would insist upon it at the specified time. He made a very pungent speech in opposition. Mr. Carter advised them to let well enough alone.

Senator Hoar replied briefly going over the general agreement in favor of the treaty and contending especially that the objection of inconsistency in regard to territorial claims was not well founded. The remainder of the debate was of a running character. Senators White and Pettigrew interjected questions tending to show continued opposition.

It was evident before the ballot was completed that the motion to ratify would be beaten. The absence of some senators unpaired for the day and the unfavorable indication. The covert opposition to ratification was made very manifest after the vote was announced. Some senators who were recorded among the yeas spoke quite openly of objectionable features, confessing that they had cast their votes in the affirmative in deference to public opinion. Among those who walked in the senate corridors to receive the news was Mr. Michael Davitt, who appeared much pleased at the result.

Senator Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, declined to express an opinion for publication, but talked freely with his friends. To them he attributed the defeat to the feeling of the executive branch of the government in the struggle of the Greeks to liberate the island of Crete from Ottoman dominion and in the Armenian massacres and with the "evident" designs of Great Britain upon the Transvaal. At the conclusion of the proceedings, all of which were in executive session, the senate refused to authorize the publication of the details.

SENATE COMMITTEES.

Report of the Committee Adopted by the Republican Caucus.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5.--The Republican senators held a caucus today and adopted the report of the committee on committees. The important changes are as follows: Sewell, of New Jersey, to appropriations; Gallinger, of New Hampshire, to commerce; Burrows, of Michigan, to finance; Clark, of Wyoming, and Foraker, of Ohio, to foreign relations; Spooner, of Wisconsin, to judiciary; Carter, of Montana, relinquishes interstate commerce to Ellins, of West Virginia, and takes the latter's place on military affairs and territories; Platt, of New York, and Hanna, of Ohio, are added to naval affairs; Foraker to Pacific railroads; Spooner, of Wisconsin, to privileges and elections; Nelson, of Minnesota, to public lands. The new senators are given places as follows:

Deboe, to establish the university of the United States; to examine the several branches of the civil service; Improvement of Mississippi river; Indian depredations; railroads, revolutionary claims.

Foraker--Examine the several branches of the civil service, chairman; establish the University of the United States, foreign relations, Pacific railroads, transportation routes to the seaboard.

Hanna--Enrolled bills; mines and minerals, naval affairs, pensions, railroads, transportation and sale of meat products.

Mason--Manufactures, chairman; claims, fisheries, immigration; organization, conduct and expenditures of the executive departments; postoffices and post roads.

Penrose--Coast defenses; education and labor, immigration, organization, conduct and expenditures of the executive departments, postoffices and post roads; national banks (select).

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Second Day of Encampment was a Busy Time with the

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Business Sessions During the Morning and Afternoon

WERE VERY LARGELY ATTENDED

The Camp Fire at the Grand Opera House in the Evening was an Enjoyable Occasion--Col. Freer's Humorous Remarks. Other Speeches of the Evening--The Banquet at Odd Fellows' Hall was the Concluding Event of the Day--To-day the Organizations will Elect Officers and the Encampments will Come to a Close.

Yesterday, the second day of the annual encampments of the West Virginia Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans and Ladies of the G. A. R., was a busy twenty-four hours with the members, who have come to Wheeling in large numbers than is usual at their annual gatherings. Business sessions of the four orders were held in the morning and afternoon, and considerable business transacted, most of it not of interest to the general public.

The concluding events of the day were the camp-fire at the Grand Opera House and the banquet given at Odd Fellows' hall. The latter was a very enjoyable affair, and the present encampments are being pronounced among the most interesting and enjoyable in the history of the orders.

At to-day's sessions officers will be elected by the four organizations and the encampments close in the afternoon. The last event on the day's program is the reception given the G. A. R., Woman's Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans by the Ladies of the G. A. R. at the McClure.

THE DAY'S MEETINGS.

Sessions of the G. A. R., W. R. C. S. of V., and Ladies of the G. A. R.

The opening business session of the G. A. R. was called to order at 11 o'clock by Commander Romeo H. Freer, in the assembly hall of the I. O. O. F. building, corner of Twelfth and Chapline streets. The hall is elaborately decorated with red, white and blue as the prevailing color, and presents a beautiful appearance. There were about 200 members of the order in attendance.

Comrade John L. Wise, of Post 12, was appointed officer of the day, with Comrades Marks of Post 3, and Leonard, of Post 14, as assistants. The committee on credentials made its report, and the session was ready for the transaction of business. Committees on resolutions, rules and regulations and reports of officers were appointed by the commander.

Senior Vice Commander Maulsby took the chair and Commander Freer made his annual report. After complimenting Wheeling and its hospitable people and its intense loyalty during the war, he touched on the noble purposes of the G. A. R. On the condition of the order he said: "We really have lost no members, and do not owe a cent in the world and have money in the quartermaster's hands."

Of the membership of the order Commander Freer said: "There has only been a meager loss of members during the year. But 24 members less than 1886, of which number 46 was by death, leaving only 18 as an actual loss from other legal causes. Members in good standing December 31, 1895, 2,046. Total gain to December 31, 1896, 271, making a total membership of 2,317. Total loss during the year 335. Membership, December 31, 1896, 1,982. Remaining suspended, 335."

Receipts from all sources during the past year were \$1,367 23; disbursements, \$964 67. Balance on hand, \$302 71. Owing to the placing of the medals in the care of the state adjutant general, Commander Freer recommended the consolidation of assistant general and assistant quartermaster general of the department at a salary of not less than \$400.

In the matter of pensions the commander says there is nothing new. "Speaking my individual sentiments," says the commander, "I should favor a service pension with a rate not less than \$8 per month. Any less is a mockery of justice, or even common fairness." After paying high tribute to the Women's Relief Corps, ladies of the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans the commander pleads for a fair character of histories in the public schools reciting the true issues of the late conflict between the states.

The report of Assistant Quartermaster General D. S. Bush reports a balance of cash on hand May 3, 1897, of \$22 71.

The report of Assistant Adjutant General Job Mangrove is really summarized in Commander Freer's address, the incidental items being of no public interest.

Department Inspector A. Brandley reported a good condition of the various posts in the state.

The committee on the examination of the offices of the department met after adjournment yesterday afternoon. After congratulating Commander Freer on his successful administration of affairs the committee recommends the adoption of his suggestion of the consolidation of the offices of assistant adjutant general and assistant quartermaster general.

The reports of all the officers were endorsed. The report is signed by Anthony Smith, Joseph A. Arkie, G. K. Mallory, W. L. Ramsey and Lee Haymond. This report will be made at to-day's meeting.

Woman's Relief Corps.

The business meeting of the state organization of the Woman's Relief Corps was held at the I. O. O. F. hall, on the floor above the assembly hall where the G. A. R. was holding forth. Departing President Mrs. Leeds presided, and there was a large and enthusiastic attendance. Delegates were present from nearly all of the corps in the state. Reports were made by a number of delegates and everywhere the most encouraging conditions are found in the work of the order, which is auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

The report of the West Virginia department to the late St. Paul national encampment, made an interesting report, standing committees were appointed, which reported at the afternoon meeting. To-day the W. R. C. will elect state officers for the ensuing year and act on committee reports at to-day's sessions.

Sons of Veterans.

The state organization of the Sons of Veterans held their business sessions in the morning and afternoon, at the I. O. O. F. hall. Department Commander Robert F. Adams, of Huntington, presided, and there was a very large attendance of members from all over the state. Very little business of interest to the general

TWO GREEK VICTORIES

Grecian Arms Conquer at Velestino and Tatar--Bloody Battle at the Former Point--Great Slaughter Near Pharsalos.

LONDON, May 5.--The Athens correspondent of the Daily Mail says:

Ten thousand Turks attacked the Greek position at Velestino. The fire ceased at 4 o'clock this afternoon and it is evident that the Greeks have met with a great success.

There has been great slaughter at Pharsalos, where the battle is proceeding. Crown Prince Constantin telegraphs as to the engagement at Velestino:

"With God's help, our side has conquered."

The Athens correspondent of the Times says:

Simultaneously with the attack at Velestino, the Turks attacked the Greek outposts at Tatar, near Pharsalos. It is said that both attacks have been repulsed by the Greeks. General Smolenski says:

"The brigade at Velestino is deluged with blood."

An American man of war has joined the international squadron at Phalerum.

The Greek government has protested to the powers against the acts of violence and rapine being committed by the Turks in Thessaly.